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It Bears the Names of McKinley and Hobart.

INTERVIEW WITH THE NEBRASKAN.

The Senator Says He Believes the Indiana Declaration on the Financial Question Will Form the Model Upon Which the Money Plank at the St. Louis Convention Will Be Based—No Chance for Teller To Be Nominated at Chicago.

ST. LOUIS, June 11.—Senator Thurston, member of the national Republican committee from Nebraska and delegate to the convention, was among the early arrivals Wednesday. He appeared at the breakfast table wearing the first continuation presidential and vice presidential badge which has been displayed by any of the Republican leaders. It bore the faces of McKinley and Hobart of New Jersey.

"It is pretty well understood," said the senator, "that I am for McKinley for first place. With his nomination assured as it is," the senator continued, "we want an eastern man as his running mate, and I believe Hobart to be the available man. He meets the requirements of the situation in all respects. We want to keep New Jersey in the Republican ranks now that we have it there. Furthermore, Hobart is strong in New York, where he is personally well known and much esteemed."

The financial question, asked what course he thought would be adopted by the convention upon the financial question, Senator Thurston replied that he believed the Indiana declaration upon that subject would form the model upon which the money plank would be based.

"It is," he said, "brief and explicit and very skillfully avoids reference by terms to any of the most vexatious questions. It is unmistakably a sound money plank. At the same time it avoids all mention of the gold standard, reference to which by name would drive votes away from the ticket in some of the states. It is better than the Indiana platform, which, when analyzed, is just a cleverly worded money plank, makes too prominent by name the silver question. The Indiana form of expression will be more acceptable in the east than would that of the Ohio Republicans."

Satisfactory to All but Five. The senator expressed the opinion that the Indiana platform would be satisfactory to all the western states except five silver producing states, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho and Nevada, and possibly Wyoming, but he said, as they have all told only nineteen votes in the electoral college, the party could afford to lose them.

Mr. Thurston said in reply to a question that he had no doubt that some of the delegates from the eastern seaboard would make a strong contention for a more pronounced and explicit declaration for gold, but that it would not be wise to concede their extreme demands.

"They will in the end be satisfied with a conservative pronouncement," he said, "and they will be glad enough to take it in preference to the unequivocal free silver declaration the Chicago convention will give out."

Arrival of Mark Hanna.

Hon. Marcus A. Hanna and Hon. William A. Hanna arrived Wednesday. The McKinley headquarters at the Southern hotel at once became the busy portion of the hotel. Mr. Hanna said that assurances had been received from friends of other candidates that little or no contest would be made. Mr. Hanna was asked what the financial plank of the platform would be and said that it would be such as every Republican could stand upon, who wanted the national credit sustained. The decorations of the McKinley headquarters are being made at a rate that will be quite an elaborate character. The national committee of the Republican party, which began its meetings Wednesday for the purpose of deciding tentatively at least, upon the various contests for seats in the convention expects to go very thoroughly into the merits of all the cases presented.

National Committee Meets.

The national Republican committee met at 12 o'clock Wednesday with the national chairman, Hon. Thomas H. Carter of Montana, in the chair. There were very few absentees and the business before the committee, the consideration of 108 contests, was promptly taken up. The initial meeting was of an executive character and the public was excluded. The executive committee of the national committee held a meeting to hear the report of the sub-committee which made arrangements for the convention. The proceedings were wholly routine in character. An informal visit to the convention building was made by Chairman Carter and other members of the committee and the acoustic properties of the hall were tested and found to be all that could be desired.

NO CHANCE FOR TELLER.

Leading Democrats Say Chicago Convention Will Not Name Him.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—A morning paper prints the following: Among the silver Democrats in Washington the opinion prevails widely that ex-Governor Horace B. Teller of Iowa will be the nominee of the Chicago convention. While Senator Teller is upon looked as an ideal leader in the free silver campaign the wisdom of nominating a Republican as the Democratic standard bearer is seriously questioned. Ex-Governor Boies, himself an acknowledged candidate, takes this view of the matter, as will be seen by the following letter, received by a friend in Washington:

"DEAR SIR: If the silver delegation control the convention at Chicago a Democrat will certainly be nominated by that convention. It is not vastly important as to who he shall be, if he is a thoroughly tried and true friend of the free coinage of silver and is capable and honest. It would, in my judgment, be absolutely impossible to unite any considerable number of the delegates to that convention in favor of nominating any one outside of the party for the head of the ticket at least. Sincerely yours, HORACE BOIES."

In Washington there is a growing sentiment in favor of Boies and Daniel as the Democratic presidential ticket. This, it is urged, would unite the west and south, a combination that has been earnestly advocated by free silver advocates for three years past.

Elected Free Silver Delegates.

CINCINNATI, June 11.—The Democratic conventions held in Ohio Tuesday for

selected the example of Hamilton county and elected free silver delegates. Ross and Gibson counties elected silver delegates. Crawford county delegates were evenly divided. Gallia silverites elected all but three delegates. In Richland county the Democrats were tricked by J. P. Seward of the resolutions committee into accepting a currency plank that read both ways.

Connecticut Democrats.

HARTFORD, June 11.—The Democratic state convention to select delegates to the national convention at Chicago and presidential electors met here Wednesday with a full attendance of delegates. M. B. Cary was made temporary chairman and other temporary officers were elected. Ex-Governor Waller who was made permanent chairman, shortly after assuming the chair, and then the report of the committee on resolutions was adopted, and delegates at large chosen. In deference to the wishes of ex-Governor W. E. Russell of Lynde Harrison, the delegates were not instructed on the subject of presidential candidates.

Maryland Democrats.

BALTIMORE, June 11.—Chairman H. W. Talbot of the state central committee called the Democratic state convention to order Wednesday and announced that Senator Gorman would act as temporary chairman. The announcement was hailed with prolonged applause. The convention then took a recess to enable the committee on resolutions to formulate its report.

When the convention reassembled Gorman was made permanent chairman and the platform committee reported. The financial plank was a straight out endorsement of the present gold standard of currency and an emphatic condemnation of the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

Non-Partisan Silver Convention.

JEFFERSON, Ia., June 11.—There is a scheme on foot in this (Tenth) congressional district to call a non-partisan convention of the advocates of free silver and place in nomination a man who will represent these views in congress. Although Mr. Doolittle was elected two years ago by a majority of nearly 5,000, the Democratic free silver people expect that there are not enough "sound money" votes of all parties in the district at this time to elect him. The Republican congressional delegation is called to meet in this city July 29, at which time it is conceded Doolittle will be re-nominated.

Chauncey Says It's "Rot."

NEW YORK, June 11.—Chauncey M. Depew isn't at all grateful to the gentlemen out west who are insisting on his accepting the second place on the McKinley ticket. He said he was "rot" to it by saying it was "rot." Colonel H. C. Duval, the doctor's private secretary, speaking for him, said no overtures had been made by the McKinley people or any one else to get Mr. Depew to run, nor had he even considered the matter. He said Depew was going to St. Louis to present the name of Governor Morton and for no other purpose.

More Free Silver for Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 11.—The Indiana Territory Democratic convention was held in this city yesterday and elected delegates to the Chicago convention. Free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 was endorsed, and the delegates were instructed for a free silver plank.

WANTED FOR MURDER.

ARREST OF DUNCAN C. BEVERIDGE AFTER A DEPENDENT REPLY.

DULUTH, Minn., June 11.—Three deputy sheriffs arrived here Tuesday having in custody Duncan C. Beveridge, wanted on the charge of murder at Ontonagon, Mich. It is claimed that seven years ago he murdered a woman, for whose killing a man named Redpath was convicted, and was but recently pardoned while serving a life sentence in Michigan. How it was found that Beveridge and not Redpath was guilty of the murder is not known. The story runs that Beveridge had previously murdered a man at Ontonagon, and that the woman with whom Beveridge had been living, being cognizant of the crime, put her out of the way to be assured of her silence.

Beveridge was Found at What is Known as Port Bay, seventy-five miles north of Duluth, up in the wildest part of the country in the north shore of the lake. He was holding down a settler's claim, together with several boon companions. When the deed in Michigan he had the reputation of being a desperate man. For that reason three of the trustees men obtainable were selected for the duty of apprehending him. Fortunately Beveridge had received no intimation of the coming of the officers and he was taken somewhat by surprise, though he made desperate resistance to arrest.

No Poison in the Stomach.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—A chemical analysis of the stomach of Miss Mayne Wornall, the wealthy young English woman who died suddenly at the Palace hotel last Saturday, has failed to disclose the presence of poison. The physician who made the examination says Miss Wornall died from natural causes. In accordance with a cablegram received from the young woman's father in London the body was interred in Cypress Lawn cemetery.

Three Failures at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, June 11.—Barling & Wambold, clothing and men's furnishing goods, assigned last night to V. D. Becker. The failure is ascribed to the street railway strike. Assets, \$40,000; liabilities, \$30,000. The Cream City Furniture company's factory and the Seaman Parlor Furniture factory were seized by the sheriff. Assets and liabilities not given.

Cause of Actor Mayo's Death.

OMAHA, June 11.—An autopsy revealed that the cause of the death of the actor Frank Mayo was fatty degeneration of the heart and this was the finding of the coroner's jury. Memorial services were held yesterday in the rooms of the Elks. The conclusion of the services the remains were escorted to the station by the Elks, leaving at 6:30 for Chicago.

Awarded \$50,000 Damages.

MEXICO, Mo., June 11.—In a breach of promise suit in the circuit court Tuesday Miss Emma Sexton was awarded a verdict for \$50,000 damages against James Lyons.

Send Men Holding a Conference.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., June 11.—The national send men are holding their fourteenth annual meeting in this city. Delegates are here from every state in the Union.

CLOSING UP BUSINESS.

Little Public Interest in House Proceedings.

SPEAKER DENIED BY MEMBERS.

They Wish to Secure Passage of Bills Under Suspension of the Rules Before the Adjournment of Congress—Funny Speech Made by Allen of Mississippi—The Contempt of Court Bill Passed by the Senate Without Division.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—When the house reconvened at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, still in continuation of the legislative day of Saturday, the general feeling was that congress would reach a final adjournment by night. Notwithstanding this fact there seemed to be little public interest in the proceedings. There were a few strangers in the public galleries, but the reserved galleries were empty. About 100 members were on the floor. Toward noon the attendance on the floor and in the galleries increased and the members engaged the speaker at every opportunity for recognition. With seventy-five or eighty members in the arena in front of the speaker's desk clamoring with uplifted arms the house resembled nothing so much as a wheat pit during a semi-panic.

Bills were passed for the protection of the forest reservation from fire; to make Santa Barbara, Cal., a sub-port of entry; to authorize the establishment of a life-saving station on the Massachusetts coast between the Hampton and Merrimack rivers; to direct the secretary of war to improve the route in Gettysburg Military park; to make Erie, Pa., a port of immediate transportation.

Allen Makes a Funny Speech.

During the consideration of a resolution to print 10,000 copies of the bankruptcy bill, Allen of Mississippi, the wit of the house, got the floor and delivered a humorous speech which convulsed the house with laughter. He satirized the political situation and made some veiled thrusts at some of the presidential candidates which appeared to tickle the members immensely. This was the first time Allen's voice had been heard this session, and he began by referring to the "universal criticism" of his silence.

"I desire to say, however," said he, "that there has been little or nothing in this session of congress to inspire a Christian man to eloquence. [Laughter.] And I want to say further that I am not the only great statesman whose recent career has been distinguished by his silence. [Renewed laughter.]

The house passed the bill appropriating \$300,000 for a government exhibit at the Omaha exhibition of 1898.

Exposed Them in Public.

YPSILANTI, Mich., June 11.—An Ypsilanti man adopted a novel method of punishing his faithless wife, who had been caught meeting a married man clandestinely. He didn't storm, threaten divorce or knock the woman down, but got up a little party, to which he innocently invited his wife's lover, the wronged wife, and three other persons. After a quiet pleasant evening he suddenly arose and in the presence of all dramatically denounced the erring pair. The guilty wife wept and the guilty husband made abject apologies, and both promised reformation. Thus the domestic atmosphere was cleared without bloodshed or litigation.

It an Old, Old Story.

LONDON, June 11.—Viscount Sudley, heir to the earldom of Arran, is the defendant in an action for £15,000 damages instituted by Mary Stewart Smith, otherwise May Gove, trial of which was begun before Chief Justice Baron Russell of Killowen and a special jury. It seems that Mary became Sudley's mistress, but when his family found a row she accepted £500 and left Sudley, later becoming the mistress of another noble paragon. Sudley was disconsolate and induced Mary to come back to him. He again broke off the connection. Hence the suit. Mary says he promised "ultimately" to marry her.

Arbiter Bound Convention.

MUSKOGEE, Mich., June 11.—The Algemeiner Arbiter Bund of Michigan is holding its twenty-eighth annual convention here, the session lasting three days. Many hundred delegates from all over the state are present. The business part of the city is profusely decorated with green, red, and white bunting, and the town presents a gala appearance. The American and German national colors are liberally displayed. Wednesday a grand picnic was held in Lake Michigan park, and many excursionists from surrounding towns are taking part in the festivities.

Proves To Be a Fake.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., June 11.—The story that was told Tuesday by E. B. Henderson as to the identity of the man who was supposed to have fallen into the river while trying to save his hat, proves to be a fake. Chief of Police Dineen discovered that Henderson and George Igack, the supposed drowned man are the same, and that the two men whom Henderson said he saw on Lima island had not been there at all. Henderson has been identified by the local police as an alleged insurance swindler well known to them.

Mysterious Shooting Affray.

BOSTON, June 11.—A mysterious shooting case, in which a Harvard student was the victim, took place Tuesday. A fellow student ran into the Cambridge Manual Training school with the information that Jerome Emil Gresh of Toledo, O., a student at the Lawrence Scientific school, had shot himself. An ambulance was quickly on the spot and the injured man was taken to the Cambridge hospital. It is not known whether the shooting was accidental or done with suicidal intent.

Base Ball Boycott Declared Off.

DETROIT, June 11.—The boycott of the Federation of Labor in all Western League cities against the Detroit ball team has been declared off. The grievance was that President Vandewater had permitted advertisement of non-union cigars to be displayed on a fence of Bennett park. The union cigar makers now concede that the boycott was unjust.

Voted by the President.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The president yesterday sent to the house a veto of the Fort Omaha, Neb., military reservation bill.

BRAVE PATROLMAN.

He Rescues a Number of People from Death at Boston.

BOSTON, June 11.—Patrolman William Graham of Station 4 performed a feat of daring Tuesday morning which drew forth applause from thousands on the street, when he prevented at least twenty terrified women from jumping from a third-story window to the ground below and took them to a place of safety. It was at the fire which broke out in the four-story building 532 Washington street, trying to escape. Then it was that Patrolman Graham showed his bravery and presence of mind.

He entered the adjoining building, occupied by the Weeks & Potter Drug company, and, going to the third floor, climbed out upon the broad stone sill of the window nearest to the burning building. That brought him to within a few feet of one of the windows, which was filled with the frantic women. Then he quietly told them to creep along the sill and he would rescue them. It required a large amount of courage to hang over the street with the only chance of a footing about three inches of wet stone trimmings, but some men in Wood's office took their places on the sill with the women and helped them along. The strong arm of Patrolman Graham soon was upon them, and he lifted them down to the sill with him and into a place of safety. In this manner nearly twenty made their escape.

Fatal Fire at Whiting, Ind.

WHITING, June 11.—At an early hour Wednesday morning fire broke out in what is known as the Oklahoma district of this place, and in spite of the efforts of the small fire department of the town and assistance from the Standard Oil company two lives were lost and much property destroyed. The dead: One man, name unknown; one child, name unknown. What is known as the Oklahoma district is the residence portion of Whiting and it was here the fire started. Two houses were completely destroyed and it was in one of these that the two victims were sleeping. It is supposed that they were overcome by smoke before they awoke and were unable to escape.

Stole Money from Her Parents.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Minnie Osborne, aged 17, of Oakland City, Ind., is under arrest here charged with stealing \$500 from her parents. She was arrested Wednesday in Bellevue hospital, where she was taken Tuesday night by two men and a woman who mysteriously disappeared after registering her as insane. The girl refuses to talk about herself further than to confess her identity. She claimed to be Rose Milburn, daughter of Robert Milburn of East St. Louis. The parties who took her to the asylum said she was Clara Caston of Evansville, Ind. She is held pending the arrival of Indiana officers.

Sale of a Railway.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 11.—The Grand Rapids and Indiana railway system, exclusive of the Muskegon branch and the land grant, was sold here Wednesday at auction on an order of the United States court, as prayed for by the second mortgage bondholders. The decree was for \$5,000,000 and interest. The only bid was by a representative of the Pennsylvania Railway company, whose stockholders own the second mortgage. It was for \$5,000,000 subject to the first mortgage of about \$5,000,000. By this sale the holders of the third mortgage bonds, exceeding \$4,000,000 are left out in the cold entirely.

Carlisle Makes His Reply.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Secretary Carlisle made public Tuesday his reply to the sub-committee of the senate finance committee charged with the investigation of the sale of United States bonds during the years 1894, 1895 and 1896. He reviews the conditions which led to the bond issues, showing it was necessary to issue bonds in order to increase the gold reserve for the maintenance of public credit, and to prevent a drop to a silver and paper standard. He says the prices received for the three issues were as high as it was possible to obtain under the circumstances.

The Walling Murder Trial.

NEWPORT, Ky., June 11.—The morning was spent in the Walling trial in producing evidence of the good character of the accused. Dr. Rothenbusch of Hamilton was one of the witnesses. The prosecution in cross-examination confused him somewhat by getting from him a statement that he had written only once a letter to Walling and then producing four others which he had to identify. The letters were not presented in evidence. Colonel Washington, counsel for Walling, is ill and Colonel Crawford, who defended Jackson, is in his place.

Funeral of Austin Corbin.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The funeral of Austin Corbin took place from St. Bartholomew's church Tuesday. Bishop Williams of Rhode Island officiated, assisted by Rev. Dr. Huntington, rector of Grace church. The church was crowded with relatives and friends. The officers and directors of the Long Island railroad company, of which Mr. Corbin was president, occupied seats in the body of the church. The directors of the American Exchange bank and the American Trust company were also present.

Disaster on the Deep.

VINNYARD HAVEN, Mass., June 11.—The three-masted schooner Edward C. Allen True, Captain McLaughlin, from Baltimore bound for Portland, sank off Jobs Neck, on the south side of this island Wednesday morning. From the fact that the vessel's boats have come ashore in pieces, and that articles of clothing belonging to both men and women have been picked up, it is feared that all on board were lost.

Justice Field in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—Justice Stephen J. Field of the United States supreme court arrived from Washington Tuesday night, accompanied by Mrs. Field and her sister, Mrs. J. Condit Smith of New York. The justice will spend his summer vacation in California, as he has been accustomed to do for years.

President Tyler's Son in Trouble.

RICHMOND, Va., June 11.—F. F. Tyler, a son of President John Tyler, was prisoner in the police court here Friday charged with shooting with intent to kill Jack Carr, a young negro.

MRS. DYER EXECUTED.

The Notorious London Baby Farmer Hanged.

CRIME UNDER CLOAK OF RELIGION.

The Woman Is Accused of the Murder of as Many as 100 Babies, Yet Over the Door of Her Home She Had an Image of Christ and the Inscription "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me," Etc.—Horrorifying Disclosures.

LONDON, June 11.—Mrs. Annie Dyer, the baby farmer of Redbig, who was arrested on April 9 on the charge of murdering many infants entrusted to her care, was hanged in Newgate prison at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mrs. Dyer was one of the most extraordinary criminals of the age, a wholesale, cold-blooded murderer. The police first became suspicious of her and her son-in-law, Arthur E. Palmer, early in April, when the bodies of a number of children, apparently strangled to death, were recovered from the Thames river, where they had been thrown, weighted down with bricks, etc. An investigation led to the arrest of Mrs. Dyer and Palmer.

Letters found in her home showed that many of the parents with whom she and her accomplices had dealings were aware of the fate intended for the infants. These letters were from persons in all ranks of society. The coroners had long been puzzled at the fact that so many bodies of infants were found in the Thames between Wapping and Battersea.

Horrorifying Condition of Affairs.

The preliminary examination developed a most horrorifying condition of affairs. It was proved that since Christmas at least twenty children had been entrusted to Mrs. Dyer's keeping and of this number only four were then living. In addition, prior to Christmas, many other children that had been placed in the woman's charge were unaccounted for and are admitted to have been murdered. A conservative estimate places the number of children killed at forty; but other estimates have it that as many as 100 infants were either strangled, or drowned by Mrs. Dyer. Mrs. Dyer and her son-in-law lived in Redding, where they had a great reputation for piety. Over the door of her home was a figure of Jesus Christ, beneath which was the inscription: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Maintained Her Reputation.

Mrs. Dyer had been arrested upon four previous occasions, but somehow she managed not only to escape punishment but succeeded in maintaining her reputation for piety. But in court the woman's nerve entirely deserted her. She had a dejected, terrified look and apparently was in despair and saw the gallows ahead. The baby farmer was a stout yet fairly good looking woman of about 50 years of age and seems to have derived quite a good income from her crimes. Three children were found at Mrs. Dyer's residence when arrested. They were a boy 7 years of age, a girl of 8 years and a boy 3 months old. There is little doubt they would have gone the way of the other charges of the baby farmer had the latter not been arrested.

Made a Confession.

Late in April Mrs. Dyer made a written confession, admitting the murders of which she was accused. It was proposed to introduce the plea of insanity in her defense. She was examined later by a physician employed by the home office and was declared to be sane. Mrs. Dyer was indicted May 3 for murder and the following day she was sentenced to death. In prison she made several attempts to commit suicide. At Redding she attempted to strangle herself with her shoe lace. Some time later she tried to force a handkerchief down her throat, and upon another occasion she attempted to cut her wrist against a piece of iron.

WAS NEVER SOLVENT.

Examination of the Books of a Stevens Point, Wis., Bank.

STEVENS POINT, June 11.—George Croyden of Milwaukee, the expert accountant who has been engaged on the books of the defunct Commercial bank for the past year, filed his report with Receiver Dillner Tuesday. The report covers the entire period of the bank's existence as a state bank, from its incorporation in November, 1894, up to the collapse in March, 1895, and fills 219 typewritten pages.

Among the more important revelations is the fact that the bank has been insolvent ever since its organization, and the regular reports filed with the state treasurer were in many instances false. At the time the bank was organized, the accountants claims, there was a deficit of \$29,762.16, and at no time in its subsequent career was its condition improved. It owed its existence simply to the faith its patrons put in its officers. The bookkeeping was crude, and ignored all ordinary business methods, for no record is to be found anywhere of the revenue derived from the exchange of \$1,000 drafts that were issued.

Diphtheria at Odell, Ill.

ODELL, June 11.—Mayor Finfield has issued a proclamation forbidding all public gatherings, keeping children off the streets, and closing the schools and churches on account of the prevalence of diphtheria. The scourge is in several families, and a number of deaths have occurred. The spread of the disease is attributed to the fact that the doctor in attendance at the first case failed to report the nature of the patient's illness.

Mexican Veterans Remin.

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 11.—The National Interstate Association of Mexican Veterans is holding its second annual reunion here. An address of welcome was made by Mayor Simms, and J. Nick Perrin, of Lebanon, Ill., responded. Thomas H. Clay, grandson of Henry Clay, presented a gavel of wood from Ashland Major S. P. Taffs, of Centalla, Ill., accepted in a most speech.

Temperature Takes a Drop.

BURLINGTON, Ia., June 11.—A severe cold wave struck here yesterday. The mercury dropped to 50, a change of 40 degrees in thirty-six hours.

Died from a Snake Bite.

DECATUR, Mich., June 11.—Mrs. John Gittler of Athens died from the effects of the bite of a rattlesnake received while picking berries.